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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE REFUSES COOPERATION WITH
PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION

1. CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE (CI), ONE OF FOUR ORGANIZATIONS BEING
INVESTIGATED BY SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY, HAS TODAY DELIVERED TO COMMISSION STATEMENT WHICH
MAKES KNOWN ITS DISGUST AT COMMISSION' S ACTIVITY TO DATE AND
SAYING CI WILL REFUSE TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH COMMISSION' S
INVESTIGATION OF INSTITUTE.

2. NOTE WAS DELIVERED BY CI' S CAPE REGIONAL DIRECTOR REV.
THEO KOTZE WHO TOLD CONGEN TEXT OF STATEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN MARCH 11 SUNDAY TIMES. DECISION WAS SPARKED BY INSTITUTE' S
CONCERN ABOUT WAY IN WHICH COMMISSION HANDLED RECENT NUSAS
INVESTIGATION, BY WHAT IT CONSIDERS PUSILLANIMOUS ROLE UNITED
PARTY PLAYED AND BY GOVERNMENT BANNING OF SASO AND BLACK
PEOPLES CONVENTION OFFICIALS.

3. CI REALIZES THAT COMMISSION WILL DOUBTLESS SUBPOENA CI
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OFFICERS WHO WILL THEN REFUSE APPEAR. UNLESS GOVERNMENT MEANWHILE DECIDES TO BAN THESE PERSONS, THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT PRISON SENTENCES. KOTZE HIMSELF HAS HEARD FROM JOURNALIST THAT INDEPENDENT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO BAN HIM ON MARCH 13.

4. COMMENT: SINCE COMMISSION HAS NOT YET GOTTEN AROUND TO INVESTIGATING CI AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE DONE SO FOR MANY MONTHS. THE DECISION WAS DIFFICULT ONE TO MAKE BUT KOTZE INDICATED CI OFFICERS WERE TIRED OF DOING NOTHING IN FACE GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT OF INSTITUTE AND ABOVE- NOTED MOVES AGAINST STUDENTS. TACTICAL WISDOM OF ACTION MAY BE OPEN TO QUESTION BUT CI HAS BITTEN THE BULLET AND WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

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